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## DEQ adds hybrids to vehicle fleet

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will soon be adding two new Honda Civic Hybrids to its fleet of vehicles. The cars, which cost \$21,000 each, are a gas-electric hybrid and are reported to get more than 50 miles per gallon, according to EPA estimates.

The cars provide better fuel efficiency and lower pollution-causing emissions than conventional vehicles.

“As stewards of the environment, I think it is important for the state to demonstrate the benefits of these types of vehicles,” DEQ Secretary Mike McDaniel said. “The Hybrids produce significantly lower emissions of ozone-forming nitrogen oxides, carbon dioxide and other pollutants related to regular, gas-powered vehicles.”

The Honda Civic Hybrid uses a combination of a gas engine and an electric motor to achieve high fuel efficiency with low emissions. Unlike electric cars, the Hybrid doesn’t have to be plugged in to recharge. Its electric motor acts as a generator and the vehicle can recharge during braking or coasting.